



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at [gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov).*

*We will be taking a break but returning with Monroe this Week after the new year. Please have a safe holiday season.*

*Yours in Service,*

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

City Council has accepted grant funding which will provide additional social work services for the public defense team.

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## HPAC HOMELESSNESS RECOMMENDATIONS

The Homeless Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) is finalizing a set of recommendations to address homelessness in Monroe for City Council to consider in February.

Recommendations include implementing law enforcement strategies and regulations to increase personal accountability; establish temporary supportive housing; provide services and emergency housing 24/7 in the Skykomish Valley; create an education campaign about homelessness; causes and prevention strategies; lobby legislators at all levels to increase funding for addiction and mental health treatment, affordable housing, job training, and support services. You can review all the HPAC recommendations [here](#).



The next HPAC meeting is Thursday, January 16 at 6pm in the Monroe Coordination Center located on the City Hall Campus. The meetings are open to the public.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 025/2019 APPROVED

Ordinance No. 025/2019 includes adopting legislation to authorize, fix, and impose a sales and use tax for affordable and supportive housing in accordance with Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019) and other matters related thereto; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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## 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES APPROVED

The 2020 Legislative Priorities reflects the City of Monroe's position on key initiatives that are expected to arise in the form of legislation, budget decisions, or policy decisions in the upcoming 2020 Session of the State Legislature.

The Legislative Committee had an opportunity to hear from the city's government affairs representative, Trevor Justin with Strategies 360, and review the proposed 2020 Legislative Priorities at its November 12, 2019 meeting. The committee recommended bringing the proposed Legislative Priorities to the full city council for discussion and approval.

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## TOYS FOR TOTS 2019 RESULTS



Every year we are given the opportunity to donate toys to the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign, which is facilitated by our own Officer Shaun Van Eaton. This year we were able to collect 112 toys! For Snohomish County alone, Toys for Tots was able to help over 52,000 children last year. All toys that are donated to the Monroe City Hall and Police Department are taken to the warehouse in Everett and the toys are separated and handed out to so many families, churches and other programs that help unfortunate families and children in Snohomish County.



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## STAY WARM AND BE SAFE!

With the temperatures dipping low lately, Fire District 7 wanted to remind citizens how to stay warm and be fire safe! Does your fire place have a metal screen or a heat-tempered glass secured to the front of the fireplace? If you have a space heater, remember to plug it directly into an outlet, not into an extension cord. Also, remind children to stay at least three feet away from the fireplace or space heaters. Lastly, make sure you



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have tested your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Fire District 7 wishes you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

For more information visit [Snofire7.org](https://snofire7.org), contact Heather Chadwick at [hchadwick@snofire7.org](mailto:hchadwick@snofire7.org) or call (360) 282-3962.

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## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The December 24 and January 7 City Council Meetings have been **CANCELLED**. The next regularly-scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2020

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**12/20**

Monroe Community Band Holiday Concert; 7:00pm  
Wagner Performing Arts Center

**12/21**

Monroe Community Senior Center's Pancake Breakfast;  
8:00am-10:00am  
Monroe Community Senior Center

## YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

View all the City of Monroe year-to-date comparisons [here](#).

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Mayor  
Geoffrey Thomas



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Ed Davis



Councilmember  
Patsy Cudaback



Councilmember  
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember  
Jim Kamp



Councilmember  
Jeff Rasmussen



Councilmember  
Kirk Scarboro

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